

IFW  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
MBHB Ref. No. 03-272-A

In the Application of:

Van Zandt, et al.

Group Art Unit: TBD

Serial No.: 10/823,842

Filed: April 14, 2004

For: Substituted Carboxylic Acids

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

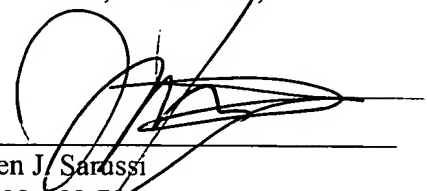
Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1.   A.   Information Disclosure Statement (2 sheets)  
      B.   Form 1449  
      C.   Postcard.
2.   With respect to additional fees:  
  
      A.     X   No additional fee is required
3.   Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.   CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 14th day of December 2004.

By:

  
Steven J. Sarossi  
Reg. No. 32,784

McDonnell, Boehnen  
Hulbert & Berghoff, LLP  
300 South Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Telephone: (312)913-0001



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
MBHB Ref. No. 03-272-A

In the Application of:	)	
	)	
Van Zandt, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: TBD
	)	
Serial No.: 10/823,842	)	
	)	
Filed: April 14, 2004	)	
	)	
For: Substituted Carboxylic Acids	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This prior art statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98 in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

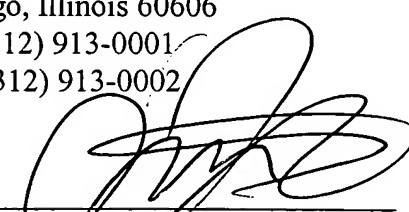
In the judgment of the undersigned, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this statement or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

**U.S. Patents**

1. 6,420,426 Van Zandt, et al. 07/16/02
2. 6,214,991 Jones, et al. 04/10/01

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Respectfully submitted  
McDONNELL BOEHNEN  
HULBERT & BERGHOFF  
300 South Wacker Drive, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Tel: (312) 913-0001  
Fax: (312) 913-0002

By:   
Steven J. Sarussi  
Reg. No. 32,784

Dated: December 14, 2004



Sheet \* of \*

FORM PTO-1449  
(Rev. 2-32)U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

Atty. Docket No.

03-272-A

Serial No.

10/823,842

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Applicant:

Van Zandt, et al.

Filing Date:

04/14/04

Group:

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	6,420,426	07/16/02	Van Zandt			
	6,214,991	04/10/01	Jones, et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED		

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.